

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 73

By Tracy

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the Cascade High School football team on an outstanding season in 2008.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially commend those successful high school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Cascade High School football team is clearly one such estimable team, which fought its way to an undefeated regular season for the first time in 2008, won the Region 5-A championship, and earned a berth in the third round of the TSSAA playoffs; and

WHEREAS, without a doubt, the highlight of the Cascade Champions' season was their fourth-quarter comeback win against Jo Byrnes High School, a victory that made them the Region 5-A champions; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Kenny Parker, who was named Coach of the Year for Region 5-A, the Cascade Champions enjoyed an overall record of twelve wins against only one loss for 2008; this record is unmatched by any previous Champions team in the school's thirty years of football history; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Head Coach Parker's distinction, the entire coaching staff was named Staff of the Year; this peerless group includes Maurice Carkuff, Ralph Edwards, Cade Ruehling, Brent Richardson, Nalin White, and Jake Tyre; and

WHEREAS, a number of players received post-season accolades for their admirable performances, including Jacob Carkuff, Region 5-A Offensive Player of the Year, who was joined on the All-Region 5-A team by Tyler Bowen, Tyler Carter, Matt Cooper, Matt Henderson, Ricky Hord, Gerald "Happy" Johnson, Jordan Lacey, Marcus McBee, Michael Martin, and Josh Molder; and

WHEREAS, adding to the acclaim garnered by those All-Region 5-A team members, players Justin Bass, Caleb Chavis, Anthony McPheron, and JeVour Taylor brought glory to the Cascade Champions as Honorable-Mentions for All-Region Five-A; and

WHEREAS, All-Region 5-A team members Jacob Carkuff and Ricky Hord were also named All-State for Class A football; and

WHEREAS, all of these victories and the renown they earned for the Cascade Champions would not have been possible were it not for the rest of the squad, which includes Bryce Amos, Cameron Brinkley, Danny Brown, Corey Bryson, David Cantrell, Jared Carkuff, Christian Edmondson, Jon Hill, Tanner Hilliard, Brandon Jarrell, Ryan Lanier, Adrian Locke, Travis Magic, Taylor McAnally, Joseph Peters, Dylan Phillips, Justin Powell, Ryan Purdom, Ryan Rippy, Eric Ross, Anthony Smith, Peyton Sutton, Carson Tapley, Steven Taylor, Drew Thomas, Keith Thurman, Tanner Trovillo, Jacob Tully, Jamie Williams, and Tyler Woods; and

WHEREAS, displaying an indomitable will to win, combined with the greatest skill and courage, the 2008 Cascade Champions have proven beyond a doubt that they are more than worthy of their name; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of its athletic teams that have succeeded both on the field and in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the 2008 Cascade High School Champions football team on their exceptional season and wish them every success in all the seasons to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.